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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Conversation - James Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, 22 October 1965

1. Met with Mr. James Gehrig, Staff Director, in response to his request for information concerning the status of negotiations or agreements between the government of France and the Soviet Union on joint Soviet-French Comsat activities or other space activities. I briefed Mr. Gehrig, verbally, along the lines set forth in the memorandum dated 20 October 1965 from the Office of DD/I.

2. At the conclusion of our meeting, Mr. Gehrig indicated that he would appreciate seeing the treatment of this subject which he understood was set forth in the weekly intelligence summary. I advised Mr. Gehrig that I would check the matter but that the summaries are maintained under very limited distribution for the reason of sensitivity and the source indicators contained therein.

3. After checking the question, I again met briefly with Mr. Gehrig and told him that it would be appreciated if he would withdraw the question and that I would check the weekly to which he had been referred to ascertain whether it expanded upon the information already provided. Mr. Gehrig noted that this subject is one of some importance to the Committee because of questions that have been posed by members to the Chairman.

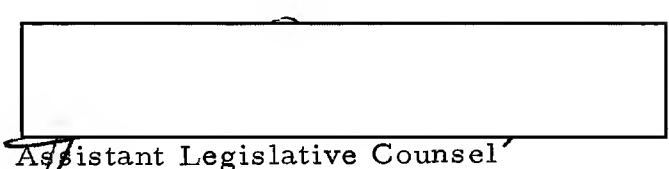
4. On meeting with Mr. Gehrig on Monday, I advised him that no substantive additional information was contained in the summary.

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5. Mr. Gehrig advised he had briefed Senators Symington and Smith during the day and that both had found the briefing timely and informative. He further advised that Senator Cannon had come to him earlier with future questions which had not been generated in his query to me. He was advised that Senator Cannon had posed certain questions on this subject with a view to a floor statement but had been dissuaded until appropriate information, at least on the subject, could be obtained. Receipt of the information from the Agency now appears to have satisfied Senator Cannon's needs.

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